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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY DECEMBER 10. 1899.

A BIG FIGHT IN SIGHT.

It is to Be Over Register of the Land Office Bill.

CLAIM IT WILL NOT PASS.

opponents Claim to Have a Senate Majority Against It.

WHIPPING-POST BILL PROMISED.

It Will Be Offered by Delegate

Whitehead, of Norfolk-The Law

Makers and the Governor Will

Hear Dr. Hawthorne To-Day.

if the Legislature votes to merge the effice of Register of the Land Office with Secretary of the Commonwealth be after one of the hardest-fought that the present General Assembly

tion to uniting the two offices is stronger than was expected before neral Assembly convened. Several the best-known men in the two bodies posing it. Hon. E. C. Folkes, one Richmond delegates, is leading the for Mr. Richardson, and has behind not only every other member from mond, but certainly a considerable ber from other sections.

tors Barksdale and Flood will work her for the abolition of the office are two of the most skilful fighters Still, arrayed Legislature. st them are several very able sena-Mr. Blakey and Mr. Gardiner Tyler we of the men who will oppose Mr. and Mr. Barksdale. Mr. Ople will in behind them. It was stated last at that the vote on the bill in the te would be 24 for to 16 against. It rue that should the bill pass it would to run the gauntlet of the Gove's scrutiny. Whether he would approve it is a matter of doubt.

Delegate Whitehead, of Norfolk, is one of the most enthusiastic members of the floure. He is a hard worker and bids fair to make a most careful legislator. He has already presented quite a number of bills, and will on Monday introduce nother which will prove exceedingly pop-lar, so far as he has been able to learn ular, so far as he has been able to learn by conference with his associates. The bill looks to restricting wife-beating, and provides that where a man is twice con-victed of beating his wife he shall be punished with stripes. Heretofore the whipping-post law has not been a popular measure, but where it is made applicable only to wife-beaters it is thought it will be accentable.

s one of the most genial members
House, and as a result he s one
most popular. He has not always
that an every countries the fish an oyster countries. He d in Indian Territory, and then h to do with horses. He tells g story of an experience Denver, Col., in a horse-face in he drove an unknown horse against stepper, driven by the Governor orade, and won the race. It was road contest, but it was and the Governor, who had been med to throwing the dust in the all comers, was greatly cha-

ably the most distinguished-looking r of the General Assembly is Dele Peatherston, of Campbell county rable men in the body. He is an sable men in the body. He is an sing talker and is exceedingly populath his fellow-members. He is a friend and admiter of Hon. John aniel, and expresses the hope that yet see him in the presidential

They tell the story around Murphy's several nights ago an unusually blast was fired on the works now gress in the river, and that a r of the rural members came rush-their night-clothes to the office

yill be proposed at this session of the Assembly, but it is not thought by any one that any material change in the pres-

I shall offer to amend Mr. Flood's there," said a well-known member of the House yesterday. "I shall effor to strike out log as the year upon which the ques tion is to go to the people, and substitute 1902 therefor." Then he laughed,

A bill incorporating the town of Phoe will soon be offered in the Genn in the past two years. It is ex d that an effort will be made to ex Newpor which has become greatly in with troublesome characters.

bairman Mathews, of the House Com-ber on Chesupeake and its Tributa-is heartily in favor of the creation ds, and of having plats made. os that the revenues of the oyster car, be double the amount received

harter will be asked at this session rallroad from Smithville, in Charcounty, to Keysville, ten miles The road would connect with the hern at either point. It is said that cal Charlotte people have succeeded resting northern capital in the en

emator Barksdale says be thinks there every reason to believe his pure elec-ies bill will become a law. Hardly a mater whom he has approached on the

has declined to support it. will be a meeting of the Judiciary

w morning in Room No. 3, at the

St. Claire and Senator Opic the recipients of handsome bouquets

One of the Legal Heirs.

Air, James B. Wood, one of the most prominent residents of Jefferson Ward, and connected with the Law Department of the Chempeake and Ohlo railway, is said to be one of the legal hoirs to the James Wood fortune. Mr. Wood was bassed for the militonaire. His father, Colonel Flezing Wood, a native of Caroline county, Va., then a resident of Mississappi, visited England in 1844, bearing

credentials from his personal friend, Henry Clay, and also from Daniel Webster. Colonel Wood spent some months in England, and established undisputed relationship to the deceased James Wood obtaining authenticated copies of the will and other documents, now in possession of Mr. Wood. Colonel Wood employed Lord Lyndhurst, an eminent lawyer of England, and expended a large amount out of his personal means in prosecuting his enquiries. The matter then dragged along until the war between the States, and nothing more was heard of it until about 1870, when some enterprising lawyer advertised for the heirs, and the matter was again looked into, but without results.

THE WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL. Wednesday Club Will Give Two

oncerts at Academy Next Saturday. The winter concerts of the Wednesda Club will be given at the Academy of Music next Saturday afternoon and eve-

In the afternoon the great children's chorus, which has grown to be such a popular feature of the May festivals, will be heard, supported by the local orchestra, and assisted by prominent local solo-ists. At night the Wednesday Club will make its first appearance this season with the orchestra named above, and soloists drawn from the ranks of the club.

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The concerts will be unusually interesting for various reasons. The programmes will be up to the high standard invariably maintained by the Wednesday Club in all its undertakings, but further than this, the concerts will really be remarkable, because they are to be given entirely by local talent—capable, well developed, and carefully trained for the occasion.

casion.

The musicians of Richmond have long desired an opportunity to show what can be done by a local orchestra upon an occasion of such magnitude as the forthcoming winter festival. No one doubts that they will give a good account of themselves, but it is to the credit of the Wednesday Club that such an opportunity has been afforded, and the effect of this enterprise cannot fail to be beneficial and far-reaching. nd far-reaching. The sale of seats will open at the box-

MANY ORDERS FOR LOCOMOTIVES The Richmond Works Crowded Be-

Youd Their Capacity. The Richmond Locomotive-Works are to be considerably enlarged, to meet the pressing need which has sprung out of ately been received. The Southern has ately ordered forty-one locomotives, the alue of the contract amounting to

value of the contract amounting to \$800,000. The RIo Grande Western railroad, in Colorado, ordered eight freight engines; the Elgin, Johet and Eastern railroad, five engines; the Mississippi River and Bonne Terre railroad, two; Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, fifteen heavy locomotives; two heavy passenger engines for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac; a small engine for Mr. S. B. Hitchcock, of Suffolk; twenty freighters for the Aichison, Topeka and Santa Fe; twelve compounds for the Canadian Facilic, besides the Finland order. One of the locomotives being built for Finland will be sent to the Paris Exposition.

BAZAAR AT THE ARMORY.

A Strong List of Attractions This Week-Orphan Boys To-Morrow.

The bazaar held by the German Ladici Ald Association, at the Regimental Armory, is a very great success. To-morrow evening Mrs. Gill's boys, as

To-morrow evening Mrs. Gir's boys, as-sisted by Miss Virginia Talbott, will ap-pear in a selected programme. No. I. "Look Out for the Hoo Doo Doo Man." Solo and chorus by Pleanlanies. Con-hollow capers. Cake-walk. The judges will be Samuel B. Witt, D. C. Richard-son, Justice John, and Frank Cunnus-ham.

son, Justice John, and ham.
Tuesday night there will be a concert by the best talent of Richmond.
Wednesday night, Madame Jarley's wax-works.
Thursday night, one-act farce.
Friday night, marches and dances,

WILL NOT QUIT PREACHING.

Dr. Kerr Has No Idea of Giving U the Ministry for Literary Work.

Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, the honored pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has no idea of giving up the ministry to engage in literary work, as has been per sistently reported of late.

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The popular minister so assured a Dispatch reporter last night. "I feel that I was called to preach the Gospel," said Dr. Kerr, "and I shall continue to preach titll the Lord stops me. I have repeatedly refused to accept offers from bureaus to go on the lecture platform even between Sundays. My only literary work is to write religious books."

Dr. Kerr has delivered many lectures, and very fine ones, too, but he never receives pay for them.

WILL BE MARRIED HERE.

Miss Parker Denies That She and Mr. Lambert Will Elope.

The engagement of Miss Flor Parker, of this city, to Mr. Marion Lam bert, of St. Louis, was announced in the Dispatch some time ago. The date for Dispatch some time ago. the wedding has not been fixed, but the Dispatch is assured that the young couple will be married here, despite the pub-lished rumors that they would clope to

Washington.

"We have not decided as yet upon date for our wedding." Miss Parker sai last night. "When we do our friend will be apprised of it, and you can resusured that the ceremony will take place in Richmond. We have never for an its stant contemplated an elopement, and the publicity given us has been very painful to both of us."

In the City Courts.

The November term of the Law and Equity Court ended yesterday afternoon, many chancery and common law cases having been disposed of. The December term will open at il o'clock to-morrow. The entire docket will be called and cases set for hearing. All lawyers interested should not fall to be present. The jury summoned for the term will meet on Tuesday morning.

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The suit of Mrs. Blankenship against the Richmond Traction Company is on trial in the Circuit Court. It will probably be concluded to-morrow.

The suit of Grayson Burruss vs. L. B. Tatum, in the Circuit Court of Richmond, for \$605, noted in the Dispatch of Friday, is contested.

Engages Barrows & Co.

Manager Wells last night secured as a feature for this week's Bijou bill James O. Barrows and company in their military comedy act, "Thetics," claimed to be the best act in the vaudeville profession. An effort is being made to make the bill an unusually strong one, with a view of having a show that will draw large crowds and thus enable Mr. Wells to give a neaf sum to the Citizens' Relief Association as the receipts of next Friday night's benefit for the poor.

Many Discharges Were Granted. Judge Waddill, in chambers, grante ne following discharges in bankrupte the following discharges in bankruptey yesterday: Andrew Antoni, Albert S. Harvey, Richard Baxter Wilson, Javi Perkins, William T. Day, all of the city of Richmond, and Joseph W. Giles, of Farmville, Prince Edward county. This is the largest number of discharges granted in any one day since the law went into effect.

May Be Austin's Murderer,

Albert Grundy alias Albert Coleman will again be before Justice John Tuesday morning. This colored man is charged with being a suspicious character, but is believed to know something about the murder of Policeman Austin.

Ministerial Association Meets.

The Ministerial Association of Richmond and vicinity will hold its regular meeting in the Young Men's Christian Association parlors to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. T. C. Johnson. D. D. Li. D. of the Union Theological Seminary, will read a paper.

products, as well as to France and its products.

The general terms of all the treaties are practically the same, the stipulation being in most case either of the contracting parties shall, during the continuance of this convention, increase the duties upon the importation of merchandise, the increase shall be without

Kentucky Election Certificate Goes to the Republican.

Blackburn, However, Says There Will Be a Contest.

Court of Appeals Holds That Pape Can't Be Seen from Back-Calls for Democratic Committee Meetings

FRANKFORT, KY., December 9.-At 9:45 this morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners, and he was de clared to be Governor-elect of Kentucky The official figures of the vote, filed with Secretary-of-State Finley, are: Taylor, 193,714; Goebel, 191,331. Taylor's

plurality, 2,383. The operation which ended, for the time being at least, the bitterly-fought gubernatorial contest, was conducted in the simplest manner. The majority opin ion of Commissioners Pryor and Ellis and the minority opinion of Commission er Poyntz, which were published this morning, were not read, as was the original nal intention. The three commissioner walked first to the office of the Clerk of the State Supreme Court, where they filed two opinions. They then passed into the office of the Secretary of State, Clerk Che nault, of the Board of Commissioners read the figures, showing that the Repub lican candidates for offices on the Stat ticket had received the largest number of votes, and then the certificates of election were signed at once, that of Mr. Taylor being first on the list.

NO CROWD; NO INTEREST. There were only fourteen persons in the room at the time, and of this number only two were there as spectators. There was no crowd around the building, and no est was manifested in the work, save

by those engaged in it.

The three commissioners were all apparently in good humor, although Commis-sioners Eals and Pryor, who had done the most work in preparing their long and elaborate opinion, looked worn and

The certificates, as soon as signed, were nied with the Se-retary of State, and com-missions will be issued to the elected men at once by Governor Bradley. Mr. Gosbel was apparently in the best of humor after being told that Mr. Tayor's certificate had been signed. He aughed and shook his head when asked the had anything to say.

"Not a thing, I am not talking."

"When will you make a contest?"
"I have not decided yet, and I, of arse, cannot discuss it, when I do not

know it myself. OEBEL GAME TO THE LAST. The defeated candidate was game to the , a l if there was any ill-humor in goody knew it but himself.

Mr. Taylor was modest, as usual, He 'I knew if the commissioners went by othing else but the way they have done

ing he stoos by the opinion he had render-ed, and could not consistently do so. He consented to sign the certificates of the TAYLOR'S INAUGURATION. The scenes at the capital shifted to-ay, interest over the contests for State flices ending with the delivery of the

offices ending with the delivery of the certificates of election. To-night the arrangements for Taylor's inauguration Tuesday overshadow everything else. Goebel left for his home in Covington at 4 o'clock, and nearly all of the other Democrats left on to-night's trains.

Mr. Goebel was accompanied to the train by Senator Blackburn and others.

He stated a few minutes before his train pulled out that the question whether he and his associates on the defeated ticket would contest is still undecided, though Elackburn later maintained that the question was settled affirmatively.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CALLS.

Former-Senator Blackburn, as chairman of the Goebel State Campaign Comn ee, issued a call to-night for a meeting of his committee here next Thursday,

December 14th.
Chairman Allie W. Young also issued a call for a meeting of the State Central and State Executive committees here on the same day.

This call does not state in either case what the object of the conference is, but t is known that the purpose is to give offi-

cial party endorsement to contests which shall be made by Goebel and the candidates of the defeated Democratic tickets. Goebel and Blackburn received many tel-egrams from Democrats over the State, orging contests, and it is said mass-mee ings will be held in various counties next week for the purpose of working up sen-timent on the subject. TISSUE BALLOT DECISION.

FRANKFORT, KY., December 9.—At to-day's session of the Court of Appeals, the tissue ballot case from Ohio county decided, and was concurred in by our of the seven judges. The Court he that all ballots should be printed on white not to be distinguished from the back, and if ballots are used at an election which do not substantially comply with the law, the election is not conducted as required by law and is invalid.

The opinion of the Court is too late to affect the decision of the State Election Commission, but sets a precedent for the State Contest Board.

RECIPROCITY TRADE TREATIES. Agreements of This Country With

Britain and France. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9,-The reciprocity treaties negotiated between the United States and France, and between the United States and Great Britain, during the past summer, the terms of which had been carefully guarded, have at last been printed. They were transmitted to the Senate on Tuesday, and will be taken up for consideration by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations at the first meeting of that committee, which will probably be held next

mittee, which will probably be held lexi Wednesday.

The treaty with Great Britain covers the dependencies of Jamaica, Bermuda, Barbados, British Guiana, and Turk's and Caicos Islands. The French convention is made applicable to Algiers and its products, as well as to France and its products.

discrimination or prejudice against the products of the other."

The British treaties provide for the admission to this country of cane sugar and moiasses from Jamaica, Barbados, and Guiana, at a reduction of 12½ per cent. Jamaica, Bermuda, Barbados, and Guiana admit free of duty cottonseed products from the United States; Jamaica admits cottonseed-oil and cotton cloths at a reduced duty; Bermuda, Barbados, and Guiana admit cottonseed-oil and oil-cake free of duty. Sponges and sisal-grass imported from Turk's Island and Calcos are admitted to the United States at a reduction of 12½ per cent. of duty.

CAME NEAR BEING LYNCHED.

Threw Acid in His Landlady's Face and Blinded Her. MACON, GA., December 9.-W. D.

mith, a white barber, was taken from here to Atlanta to-day, to avoid lynch-The offence which so aroused the community against Smith was the throw-ing of acid into the face of Mrs. S. M. Hillard, his landlady, and blinding her. Smith came to Macon from Mississipp several months ago, and with his wife boarded with Mrs. Hillard. About a week ago he was notified that he must pay up or quit. His wife was permitted

pay up or quit. His wife was permitted to remain. Since then he has visited his wife several times, and abused and threatened her.

This morning he went to the house and asked to see his wife. Mrs. Hillard informed him that the woman did not want to see him, because she was afraid of him. Without provocation, he took a bottle of acid from his pocket and dashed the contents into Mrs. Hillard's face. He was arrested and lodged in the police barracks. So intense was the feeling against him that the authorities deemed it best to send him to Atlanta, which was done.

The physicians say Mrs. Hillard's sight was done.

The physicians say Mrs. Hillard's sight can be preserved, but that her face will be badly disfigured.

DEATH OF ELEAZAR FOSTER. Division Counsel for the Plant Sys-

NEW HAVEN, December 9.-Judge Eleazar Foster, of Gainesville, Fla., dled at the hospital in this city last night Judge Foster came North for his health about a week ago. On Saturday last his troubles became serious, and he under went a surgical operation. He was 58 years of age, and was a son of the late Judge J. E. K. Foster, the head of one of the oldest families in New Haven. He graduated in the class of 1963 from Yale At the time of his death he was division graduated in the class of less from At the time of his death he was division counsel for the Plant system of railways, president of the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural College at Lake City, Fla., and a trustee of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. A one time he was a circuit court judge in South Florida and was a member of Governor Bloxham's Cabinet. He leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters; a brother in New Haven, Dr. J. P. K. Foster, and another brother in Buffalo, N. Y.

CHARLES BANKS IN CUSTODY. Under Indictment for Crimes Committed in Culpeper.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 9 Charles Banks, a negro, under indictment for the shooting of Roland Amlinger and a woman named Frances Sutton, in Culpeper county, Va., was located and arpeper county, Va., was located and afterested in Wheatland last night, and after a preliminary examination was committed to the Monroe county full to await officers from Virginia, who will take him back to the place where the crimes were committed.

The crimes of which Banks is accused were committed in Culpeper county, Va., October 23, 1839.

WILL OPPOSE PAYNE'S PLAY. Objection to Reduction of Southern Representation.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., December &-Judge John McClure has been named as proxy for General Powell Clayton, Ambassador to Mexico, to represent the latter at the meeting of the Republican Naman Payne, of Wisconsin, for a reduction of representation from the Southern States in the Republican National Con-vention. Judge McClure left to-night for Washington, to attend the meeting of the

Big Cont and Iron Deal.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Transfers of valuable and extensive coal and other properties to new hands were signed in this city to-day. Fred. C. Dunn, of Chicago, carried the negotiations through. The properties comprised in the deal are those of the Woodstock Iron Company. those of the Woodstock Iron Company, consisting of two well-equipped and modern blast furnaces, 6,600 acres of fron and coal lands; the adjacent lands of the Gurnee Land Company—20,000 acres, furnaces, etc., in Anniston, Ala., and the completed Aneta Coal Company's plant of coke-ovens, 18,000 acres of coal lands, sec., located in Tennessee.

The consideration is more than \$1,000,000, and the properties pass into the hands of strong men, financially, who will immediately put the furnaces into blast.

Doubly Fatal Duel in Mississippt. GREENSVILLE, MISS., December 9,-duel was fought here to-day, which re-ulted in the instant death of J. C. Con-erly, a lawyer of Lake Village, Ark., and

lived near Sunnyside. Ark.

The tragedy is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding. Both men were prominent in the district in which they resided.

Connerly received six bullets in different parts of his body, while Duncan was struck but once—a load of buckshot entering the left breast.

and stormed and carried Lombard's Kop, which was held by the Boers, and on which had been placed a Creusot gun and a howitzer. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun and then retired.

The Lancers, Hussars, and Guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at day-break, under cover of a heavy artillery

Cattle Quarantine Order.

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WASHINGTON. D. C., December 2.—
The annual quarantine order against the area where splenetic-fever exists among cattle will be issued shortly by the Department of Agriculture, to take effect January 1st. The order will be substantially like that of last year.

The quarantine area will consist of Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Kansas, Georgia, South Carolina, part of Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, and California, The boundary lines may be modified slightly later, with the co-operation of State authorities.

Cotton-Gin Combination. MEMPHIS, TENN., December 9.—It is stated here that all of the big cotton-gin manufacturing concerns of the country will form a combination, or have already formed one. Among the concerns which are said to have entered the combine are the Munger Company, of Texas, the largest in the world; the Worthington-Munger-Pratt Gin Company, of Birming-ham. Ala., and the Daniel Pratt Gin Company, of Prattsville, Ala.

Company, of Prattsville, Ala. Condition of Wood and Brumby. WASHINGTON, December 9.—Dr. P. M. Rivey, the physician attending Captain Wood and Lleutenant Brumby, reports the condition of both officers as favorable as can be expected at this stage of typhoid-fewer.

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Well-Known House Destroyed, WASHINGTON, December 9.—Early to-day fire totally destroyed the Welling mansion, in this city. The loss upon the residence was \$60,000 and on the contents Dr. H. L. French occupied the residence and with his servants escaped from the and with his servants escaped from the building just as the roof fell in.

The Pope Entirely Well Again, ROME, December 9.—The Pepe, who, it was announced a few days ago, was suffering from a heavy cold and experiencing some difficulty in breathing, has completely recovered his usual health.

He Falls in Fight With Major March's Battalion.

Commanded Aguinaldo's Body-Guard at Time of His Death.

RATED AS REMARKABLY CLEVES

Said to Have Been Graduate of European University-Negros Uprising Reported as of Minor Impor

tance-Bishop Potter at Manila.

MANILA, December 9.-6:15 P. M.-Genral Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body-guard, was killed by Major Peyton C. March's battallon, of tem of Railways. the Thirty-third Infantry, in a fight eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes,

December 3d. According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan, several days ago, Mafor March left the coast, where he was oursuing Aguinaido, and encountered General del Pilar on the fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed or wounded. The American loss was one man killed and six men wounded. The Spaniards report that Major March is still pursuing the insurgents. A VETERAN, THOUGH YOUNG.

Del Pilar was one of the lenders of the present and of the anti-Spanish revolution. He was a mere youth, and was reported to have graduated at a European

Professor Schurman met him as a mem ber of the first peace commission, and rated him as remarkably clever.

The Americans have occupied Bangued, province of Abra. General Grant's expedition has visited Orani and several west ern towns, meeting small bands. His men killed several of the rebels and captured a considerable quantity of munitions of

Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York has arrived here, on a brief visit, to study the Philippines. PURSUIT OF FILIPINOS.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The War epartment has received the following rom General Otls:
"Manila, December 9.—Dispatch from oung at Vigan yesterday says: Escaped panish prisoners report four hours' enagement 3d instant between his troops and Aguinaldo's guard, near Cervantes, fly miles southeast of Vigan, with heavy loss to enemy, who is being pursued. Our loss, one killed, six wounded. Inhabi-tants, of own accord, join troops in re-

pairing trail and carrying subsistence. Have pushed column to San Jose, south of Bangued. Howee's column on rear trail. Batchelor's battallon, of the Twenty-fourth, out of reach north of Bayombong, evidently descending river. Natives report fighting occurred twenty miles north. Navy reaches Aparri to-morrow. Column of MacArthur's troops, Twenty-Golumn of state of the control of th day, with sufficient troops to overcome

opposition and scatter enemy."

It is probable that the troops which en gaged Aguinaldo's guard are Hare's command, as he was reported to be close to the insurgent leader's rear.

NEGROS OUTBREAK MILD. General Otis also cables as follows regarding the revolt in Negros:
'Information received that Negros revolt is of minor importance. Byrnes in rapid pursuit of disaffected party. Hughes mountains of Panay, en route for

BRITISH TAKE A HILL. Bold Sortie from Ladysmith-Boer Guns Destroyed.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, LADYSMITH. Friday, December 8.—The British troops made a sortie between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and carried Lombard's Kop, which was held by the Boers, and on which had been placed a Creuser and and

Maxim gun and then retired.

The Lancers, Hussars, and Guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at daybreak, under cover of a heavy artillery fire, which the Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to

have been slight.
A strong Burgher column has crossed the Tugela river at Colenso, with the object of attacking the British Estcourt Major Erasmus and Lieutenant Malan

will be tried by court-martial in connection with the loss of the guns. BULLER REPORTS SORTIES. LONDON, December 9.—The War Office to night issued the following dispatch

from General Buller, dated Frere Camp, from General Buller, dated Frere Camp, December 8th, afternoon:
"The following was received from General White to-day: 'Last night sent General Hunter, with 500 Imperial Light Horse, under Roynston, and 500 Imperial Light Horse, under Edwards, to surprise a gun on a hill. The enterprise was admirably carried out, and was entirely successful, the hill being captured and a 6-inch gun and howitzer being destroyed with guncotton by Captain Fowke and Lleutenant Turner. A Maxim was captured and Turner. A Maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed, and Major Henderson, of the First Battallon of the Argyle Highlanders,

"'At the same time that Colonel Knox seized the hill, one squadron of the Nine-teenth Hussars rode round Pepworth Hill, burning krasis and cutting the Boer-telegraph lines. They had no casualties." SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY?

LORENZO MARQUEZ, DELAGOA BAY, December 9.—A dispatch from Pre-toria, dated to-day, says: toria, dated to-day, says:

"Reports have been received here of fighting early this morning in the vicinity of Schultz Nek, the British attacking General Cronje. Fighting is also reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley."

It is presumed this is another sortie The Dutch-German ambulance corps has been enthusiastically received, and will be divided between Natal and the Free State frontier. BRITISH ADVANCE ON COLESBURG. LONDON, December 2.—A special dis-patch from Pretoria, dated Friday, De-cember 8th, says 2,000 British troops, pre-

reded by an armored train, are advancing on Colesburg from Naauwpoort. BOERS CROSS-CUTTING BULLETS. CAPE TOWN, Thursday, December 7 .-

A hundred men of the Naval Brigade pro-ceeded to the front to-night. It is known that the Boers have cross-cut the ends of their Mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to that of

tum-dums.
Halse and Warren and thirty men left the camp at Carnavon to-day, and when four miles out sighted a patrol of twelve Boers, who sought cover. Two of the Roers were wounded. Halse ascertained that the Boers were in strong force in

laager, and retired to his base.

This is the first brush of General Gatacre's force, and all the men are eager to follow it up.

SIXTY MEN KILLED.

TACOMA, WASH., December 9.-At 1:30

this afternoon brief telegrams received in this city from Carbonado, a mining town forty miles from this city, say sixty Presented to the Country as a Christ miners were killed by an explosion of coal-damp in a mine belonging to the Southern Pacific Railway Company. A special relief train will be sent as soon as possible as possible.

The explosion occurred just as the me

preparing to leave the shaft, at About eighty men were in the mine at the time

As the mine filled with fire-damp at once, it is supposed all are dead. Several hours clapsed before efforts could be made to enter the mine. The surviving relatives at once flocked around the shaft. creating a terrible scene with their loud amentations.

The mines are owned by the Carbon The mines are owned by the Carbon Hill Coal Company. They gave work to 400 men, and had an output of 300,000 tons annually. They are situated forty miles from Tacoma, on the Cascade Division of the Northern Pacific. The mines are in a deep ravine, through which the Carbon river flows. This is a glacial stream. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunnelled, and the tunnels are so big that nelled, and the tunnels are so big that locomotives run into them.

FLORIDA CENTRAL & PENINSULAR. Its Through Trains Await Completion of Senboard Link.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 2.-There has been much speculation regarding the arrangements that would be made by which the Florida Central and Peninsular rallway might continue its through service from New York and Washington, following the severance of relations between the Southern and the Florida Central and Peninsular, by which the latter has become a part of the Seabourd system. It transpired to-day that satisfactory arrangements had not been made with either the Southern or the Atlantic-Goast Line for a through service, necessitating the suspension by the Florida Central and Peninsular of its through trains until such time as the Seabourd system can complete its connecting link of track between Cheraw, S. C., and Columbia. The Florida Central and Peninsular trains, however, will make close connection with the Southern at Columbia. The Columbia-Cheraw link is nearing completion, when through trains to Washington will be resumed. rallway might continue its through sering completion, when through trains to Washington will be resumed.

WANTS TO SELL US ISLANDS. Denmark Offers Her West Indles-

Price, \$3,000,000. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9 .-The Post will say to-morrow: "The Danish Government has made another effort to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States. The proposition was laid before the State Department by a representative of the Danish Government, and the matter is now under consideration. The American embassy in London is assisting in the negotiations. Three million dollars is the price asked for the islands."

Dr. Cunningham's Tight Squeeze. Dr. Cunningham, in charge of the city ambulance, had a tight squeeze yesterday afternoon. It was given him by a crazy

The Doctor was summoned to a house at St. James and Hill street, and found Georgiana Pleasants. a young colored woman, suffering with acute mania on the subject of religion. He succeeded in partially pacifying her, and getting her into the ambulance. But she soon bethe ambulance. But she soon be-as violent as ever, and the Doctor a hard struggle with her before he quiet her. She is at the almshouse. could quiet her. Small Fires Yesterday.

The Fire Department was called out at 12:13 yesterday by an alarm turned in from Box 74, at Laurel Engine-House. The fire was in a woodhouse in the rear of a residence on Cherry street between Cary and Cumberland streets. The damage was triffing.

An alarm was turned in shortly before 6 o'clock, due to a small fire on the Tweifth-street dump. No damage. "Lend Me Your Wife." Roland Reed closed his engagement here

Industry Reed closed his engagement here last night with a presentation of the farcical play, "Lend Me Your Wife," The piece is somewhat rollicking, and the audience entered into the merriment in a most hearty manner. Mr. Reed, as the blustering Captain Abner Tarbox, was capital, and his company rendered him good support.

Cut in a Small Row. Isaac Pierce, a colored man, was cut slightly in a row down-town last night. The man who cut him, he says, is George Bonnan (also colored). The ambulance was called to the First Police Station, where Pierce had gone, and his injuries were treated. The police are looking for Roman.

She Stopped at a Wake.

Florence England was passing down Seventeenth street about midnight hast night, when she stopped to look in at a negro wake. Dr. Cunningham says she will be entirely well in a week or two but she was in pretty bad condition when an officer found her and took her to the

Personals and Briefs. Ex-Senator Thomas N. Williams, of Mecklenburg, was in the city yesterday.

O. A. Lynch left on Thursday for the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Congressman John Lamb has appointed Mr. John C. Page, of this city, his private secretary. Mrs. George Washington, of Charlestown, W. Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Chase Morton.

Superintendent of County Schools John K. Fussell is improving rapidly. He is able to walk about now. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane Eno, of New York, and Mr. Arthur F. Warde, son of he eminent tragedlan, are at the Jeffer-

Dr. Thomas P. Corwardin, of London England, will reach the city this morning and will be here some time on a visit Miss Lucy Nicholson, of Pulaski, is the guest of Miss Sue Tyler. Miss Belle Tyler and Miss Lily are visiting in Southwest

Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Axtell, who have been at the Hot Springs several months, have returned to the city, and taken un their residence for the winter at the Jef-ferson.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Elizabeth K. Lee and Mr. R. Jeter Jones, of Norfolk. The marriage will occur be-cember 14th at the home of the bride, in Norfolk. Mr. Jones is a brother of Mr. J. Hervey Jones, of this city. The firemen at No. 3 engine-house, on Broad street, found a regular-size soap-box, securely nailed and tied with a rope, marked "Mrs. Jennie Thomas, Amherst county, Va.," in front of the engine-house yesterday morning.

The Industrial Chapter of All Saints' church will have a doil and needle-work sale at the partsh building, corner of Grace and Madison streets, Tuesday, from 12 M. to 5 P. M. A Jack Horner pie will be served to children.

Richmonders in New York. NEW YORK, December 2.-(Special.)-L. A. Lancaster and R. K. Terry, Fifth-

Annual Fun-Making of Famous Washington Club.

Explosion of Fire-Damp in a Wash- AGUINALDO CAPTURED.

mas Gift.

BOER PURSUIT OF THE BRITISH

"Oom Paul" Krager Cracks His Whip

in Glee - A "Kentneky-Philadelphia" Election-Invitation to Visit

Charleston Accepted.

WASHINGTON, December 9 .- The Deember dinner of the Gridiron Club was given to-night at the Arlington Hotel, where about 130 guests were entertained in characteristic manner by the forty corespendents who compose the famous or

General H. V. Boynton presided. He took part in an interesting buriesque elecpersonated well-known statesmen and politicians, and participated in a "Kentucky-Philadelphia" election, on plans of the most exaggerated type.

General Boynton was unanimously voted out, but he called in the "army" and 'navy" and was egain scated. AN INITIATION.

The initiation of Mr. Rudolph Kaufman, of the Evening Star, was made the text of a clever skit. The candidate appeared as "Aguinaldo," running for safety, and pursued by three members of the club. representing Generals Lawton, MacArthur, and Wheeler, "Aguinaldo" was captured by these three "officers," and then "General Otis," another member of the club, stalked in, with military pemp, and after some conversation received the reports of the "officers," each claiming to have captured the Filipino chief. After reading each report, he dictated a dispatch to his "orderly," cabling "Adjutant Corbin": "Ine army under my command presents to the nation, as a Christmas gift, Aguinaido." The club took in the candidate, saying that as he had done must of the fighting in the newspapers, he was entitled to belong to a correspond-

OTIS GETS A HOUSE. "General Otls" was presented with "a house" for his victory.

Another incident was the reading of an Another incident was the reading of as alleged dispatch from South Africa, de-talling a great victory which the English had won over the Boers. This was followed by a number of British soldiers running the whole length of the room pursued in a leasurely manner by "Oon Paul Eruger," who cracked his whip is

wiched with bright and witty speeches making the entire evening one of the PROMINENT MEN PRESENT.

Fairbanks. Quarles, Clark, of Wyoming; Elkins, Beverldge Harris, Spooner, Hanna, and Wolcott Representatives Hall, Grosvenor, Brom-well; Allen, of Mississippi; Pearce, Cush-man, Eddy, Dick, Cowherd, Dolliver, and Kann; Major-General Leonard Wood; H. W. Fuller, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad; William R. Merriam, director of the census; Prince David Kawanana koa and Colonel Samuel Parker, Hawali, John Barrett, of Portland, Ore; W. A. Türk, of the Southern rallway; Major John C. Hemphill, of the Charles-ton News and Courier; Mayor J. Adger Smythe, Nicholas S. Hill, Jr., and A. C. Kaufman, of Charleston, S. C.; J. H. Maddy, of the Baltimore and Ohio rail way; Lieutenant John K. Knapp, United States navy; Charles G. Dawes, Camptroller of the Currency; Hon. Henry

Payne, of Milwaukee, and John K. Richards, Solicitor-General. OFFICERS FOR 1900. In the afternoon the annual meeting of the Gridiron Club was held, and the following officers were elected for 1996: President, Henry L. West, of the Washington Post; Vice-President, Arthur W. Dunn, the Associated Press; Secretary-Treasurer, George H. Walker; Executive Committee-Louis Coolidge, Boston Jour-

VISIT TO CHARLESTON. Before the annual meeting, Mayor Smythe, Major Hemphill, and Meers. Kauffman and Hill, of Charleston, meë the officers of the club, and extended an invitation to the organization to visit their city at an early date. The matter was presented to the club, and it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation. It is expected that this South Carolina pligrimage will be made about the last

nal; Andrew M. Larner, Charleston News

week in December. HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON ARRESTED. Not a Member of Distinguished Georgia Family of His Name.

schel V. Johnson, postmaster at Claxton, Ga., was arrested to-day and brought before United States Commissioner Lewi-shon on the charge of embezzling postal money-order funds of his office. He gave bond.

Although bearing the same name, the accused postmaster does not belong to the family of the distinguished Georgian who ran for Vice-l'resident of the United States on the ticket with Stephen A.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 9 .- Her-

Virginia Lodge in Session. Virginia Lodge, No. 11, Royal Tribe of Joseph, held a very successful meeting in Mouros Hall hast night. The attend-ance was very large, and an lateresting address was delivered by District-Deputy J. J. Dancey.

The Meather.

WASHINGTON, December 8 .-RAIN Percent for Sunday and Monday: For Virginia-Rain Sunday and probably Monday; fresh to brisk casterly winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and pleasant. The range of the thermometer was ac

North and South Carolina-Rain Sunday; Monday, fair in western, rain in eastern portions; fresh to brisk easter.

6 A. M.......